

Senators Fowler and Houston of Wheeler were announced, and the Senate was declared full. The bill (House bill No. 236) was passed by the following vote:

YEAS—11.

Bell,	Houston of Bexar,	Shannon,
Calhoun,	Houston of Wheeler,	Stinson,
Glasscock,	Perry,	Traylor.
Harrison,	Pope,	

NAYS—10.

Davis,	Getzendaner,	Pfeuffer,
Evans,	Jerdone,	Terrell,
Fowler,	Kilgore,	Woods.
Garrison,		

House bill No. 331, "An act to establish and define the boundaries of the county of Webb, and legalize certain acts of the officers of said county," was laid before the Senate.

Read third time and passed.

House bill No. 314, "An act relating to investments of the permanent public free school funds, and to provide against any loss of such funds in making investments," was laid before the Senate.

Read third time and passed.

Senate substitute for House bill No. 249, "An act to authorize the county commissioners' court to set aside from year to year not exceeding one-half of the road and bridge tax to purchase and establish free bridges; also to validate bonds heretofore issued for bridge purposes," was laid before the Senate and read the third time.

Senator Woods offered the following amendment:

Amend last section by adding the following words: "Chapter 18 of the Seventeenth Legislature, authorizing the issuance of bonds for building bridges, be and the same is hereby repealed," and amend the caption to conform to this amendment.

Adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—21.

Bell,	Glasscock,	Pfeuffer,
Calhoun,	Harrison,	Pope,
Davis,	Houston of Bexar,	Shannon,
Evans,	Houston of Wheeler,	Stinson,
Fowler,	Jerdone,	Terrell,
Garrison,	Kilgore,	Traylor,
Getzendaner,	Perry,	Woods.

NAYS—none.

Senator Stinson offered the following amendment:

Amend by adding the following: "Provided, the parties who petition for any bridge shall first deposit with the clerk of the county court a sufficient amount of money to pay the expenses of said election before the commissioners' court shall be authorized to order said election."

Withdrawn.

Senator Harrison offered the following amendment:

Amend by adding the following proviso: "Provided, if at any such an election the vote shall be in favor of erecting or purchasing such bridge, then the county shall pay the expenses of such election, and the parties making the deposit herein required shall be allowed to withdraw the same, but not otherwise."

Adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—18.

Bell,	Glasscock,	Pfeuffer,
Calhoun,	Harrison,	Pope,
Davis,	Houston of Bexar,	Shannon,
Evans,	Jerdone,	Terrell,
Fowler,	Kilgore,	Traylor,
Garrison,	Perry,	Woods.

NAYS—3.

Getzendaner, Houston of Wheeler, Stinson.

Senator Getzendaner offered the following amendment:

Amend by limiting the amount of road and bridge tax to be used to an amount not to exceed six cents on the one hundred dollars' valuation.

Senator Davis moved to adjourn till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Lost by the following vote:

YEAS—9.

Davis,	Houston of Bexar,	Kilgore,
Fowler,	Houston of Wheeler,	Shannon,
Garrison,	Jerdone,	Terrell.

NAYS—11.

Bell,	Glasscock,	Stinson,
Calhoun,	Harrison,	Traylor,
Evans,	Perry,	Woods.
Getzendaner,	Pfeuffer,	

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Pope.

Senator Traylor in the chair.

Senator Terrell moved to adjourn till 9:30 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—11.

Bell,	Houston of Bexar,	Perry,
Fowler,	Houston of Wheeler,	Shannon,
Garrison,	Jerdone,	Terrell.
Harrison,	Kilgore,	

NAYS—8.

Calhoun,	Glasscock,	Traylor,
Evans,	Pfeuffer,	Woods.
Getzendaner,	Stinson,	

ABSENT NOT VOTING.

Davis, Pope.

FIFTY-SEVENTH DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER,
AUSTIN, TEXAS, March 20, 1885. }

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor Gibbs in the chair.

Roll called.

No quorum present.

On motion of Senator Fowler,

The Senate adjourned till ten o'clock.

Senate called to order.

Roll called.

Quorum present.

Prayer by the Rev. Dr. Cocke, of Lexington, Va.

On motion of Senator Traylor,

The reading of the journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By Senator Calhoun:

COMMITTEE ROOM.
AUSTIN, March 18, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Public Printing, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 242, entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'an act to amend articles 1026, 1027, 1028, 1029, 1030, 1031 and 1032 of chapter 5, title 26, and articles 1077, 1078, 1079, 1080, 1081 and 1082, of chapter 15, title 26 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas,' approved May 3, 1883," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report it back

with the recommendation that it do not pass. This bill proceeds upon the hypothesis that there is a State printing office, and that the State can employ printers and binders and purchase machinery without competition or limit to do the printing and binding of the State, and this we think is not in keeping with the spirit of our Constitution. Our reports are now well reported and bound, and sold at reasonable price. The State can sell them now at three dollars, if proper to do so. We think our reports are of too much value to be reported, printed and bound in an inferior manner.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CALHOUN, for Committee.

Bill read first time.

Senator Evans sent up the following minority report:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, March 20, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

The undersigned, as one of the Committee on Public Printing, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 242, entitled "An act to amend 'an act to amend articles 1026, 1027, 1028, 1029, 1030, 1031 and 1032 of chapter 5, title 26, and articles 1077, 1078, 1079, 1080, 1081 and 1082 of chapter 15, title 26 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas,' approved May 3, 1882," to which bill a majority have decided to report unfavorably, would beg leave to file a minority report, and ask that said bill do pass the Senate.

The object of the bill is to change the manner of having the reports of the Supreme Court and Appellate Court published. The present law permits the reports—in fact, requires the reporters to have the same published, and to furnish the State one thousand copies each, for which the reporters receive, as compensation, the sum of five dollars and fifty cents per page for as many pages as are in the volume published. Supposing these volumes to average eight hundred pages each it would cost the State \$400 for each 1000 copies, or \$1.40 per copy. The Secretary of State is authorized and required to sell 500 copies, provided sale is found for them, at four dollars per copy, thereby creating a loss to the State on each copy of reports of forty cents.

For the last two years past, as will be seen by reference to warrants issued from the Comptroller's office, there has been paid out the sum of \$21,895 for Supreme Court Reports, and \$17,437 for Court of Appeals Reports, amounting in the aggregate to \$39,332. Nine thousand volumes all told have been furnished. Of this number, up to first of December, as will appear by reference to report of the Secretary of State, there had been sold 1600 volumes. The remainder are on hand, and not in much demand, and yet under the present law the full amount have to be received and paid for.

It is believed by the State Printing Board that these books can be published at the Deaf and Dumb Asylum at a much less expense than at the present rate. In their report of December 31 we find the following statement, in which they say: "In our judgment the cost to the State of the publication of these reports is entirely too much. We respectfully submit that if these reports were printed at the State printing office, it would enable the board to utilize the labor of deaf mutes, and by giving these unfortunate persons continued employment they will have a chance to, at least, become partially self-sustaining; to prepare themselves for future independence and usefulness, and at the same time save much of the expense heretofore attending the publication of these reports."

We see no reason to question this statement. While it may be true that there would for the first year be some necessary outlay in getting proper machinery for binding, yet the cost could not be very great; and it would probably require the employment of good printers to aid in the work, yet still much of the work, such as folding and stitching, could be done by even unskilled workmen, and much of the type setting could be done by ordinary printers. It would give constant employment to a large number of the deaf mutes who should be learning a trade by which they can be enabled in the future to make a support for themselves.

The present system has one very objectionable feature in it. It pays \$3.50 per page. It may not always be the case that we can procure the services of such men as we now have, but the time may come when we will have reporters who will be able to stretch out cases so as to make three reports per annum instead of two—who will be able to lengthen from 1800 to 2400 pages of each set of reports every year. But if we employ a reporter at a fixed salary, he cannot possibly have any

interest in extending the reports to a greater length or greater number of pages than is actually necessary.

Again, we think the present price of the reports is too great. By comparison with other States, whose reports are equally as well gotten up, in a mechanical point of view as ours, will be seen that we are extravagant in price. Our reports certainly can be published at \$3 per volume, including pay of reporter. North Carolina, by act of February 19, 1881, has her reports furnished at \$2 per volume. Ohio reports only worth \$2.50 per volume. Michigan furnishes her reports at \$2 per volume, pays her reporter \$1800 per year and hires \$900 and expenses while attending court. Wisconsin pays her reporter \$3000 per annum, and furnishes her reports at \$1 per volume. Mississippi pays her reporter \$4 per page for copies, and sells reports at \$5. Alabama pays her reporter \$2000 per annum, and sells reports at \$5. Rhode Island pays her reporter \$500 per year. Connecticut pays her reporter \$2500. West Virginia pays her reporter \$1000. California pays her reporter \$6000. Louisiana pays her reporter \$2500.

Indiana gets 500 volumes for \$3.50, and requires the reporter to sell reports at \$3.50. Iowa furnishes reports at \$2 per volume. Arkansas sells her reports at \$5; pays a reporter \$400 per annum. South Carolina reports \$3.50 per volume; retains copyright; pays reporter \$1500. Virginia pays her reporter \$1500. We cite these instances to show that the majority of other States, including the Southern States, furnish their Supreme Court reports at much less than our own State. It is contended that no man who is qualified for the position of reporter would accept it at the sum of \$2500 per annum.

We do not know how that would be, but presume that there are several men in the State of Texas to-day who would make good reporters that are now working for less than that sum. This sum is in accordance with the salaries paid the heads of the departments of the State and district judges.

If we are not mistaken there is a district judge now in the judicial district whose salary is only \$2500, and who was a one time a Supreme Court reporter. With the exception of California and Wisconsin, we have not been able in our examination of this question to find a single State that pays over \$2500; most of them much less.

What other States have done and are now doing, Texas with her present large population and increased demand for these books, certainly can do. The Governor, in his message to the Nineteenth Legislature, calls our attention especially to this matter. We here quote his language:

"The utility of the printing establishment at the Deaf and Dumb Institute has been clearly demonstrated. Some of the neatest and best printing for the departments is done there, and with a little enlargement it can be made available for all the printing and binding required by the State, at a cost greatly below the prices now paid. It is suggested that the court reports, which are now published at a great expense, could be printed and bound there. It would be light work for a judge when writing an opinion to make the syllabus; then the work of preparation for publication would be small. These suggestions, if acted on, will save the large expense annually attending the publication of these reports."

We would respectfully submit that with all the facts before us, there would certainly be a great saving to the State to have the reports published at the Deaf and Dumb Asylum. It would enable the profession to obtain the books at \$3 per volume, and the State could then make a profit on the work as well as give instruction to its wards in learning a useful occupation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EVANS.

The following message was received from the House:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
AUSTIN, March 20, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

I am instructed by the House to report to your honorable body the passage of

House bill No. 579, "An act to divide the western portion of Tom Green county into six new counties, namely: Ector, Winkler, Loving, Upton, Crane and Hunter, and defining the boundaries thereof."

Respectfully,

A. D. SADLER,
Chief Clerk House Representatives.

House bill No. 579 was referred to Committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

On motion of Senator Shannon,

House bill No. 549, "An act to amend section 17 of 'an act to redistrict the State into judicial districts,'" etc., was taken up out of its regular order and read second time.

The committee amendments were adopted.

Senator Shannon offered the following amendment:

Amend section 17 so as to read as follows:

"Sec. 17. The seventeenth judicial district shall be composed of the counties of Parker and Tarrant, and the district courts therein shall be held as follows: In the county of Parker on the first Mondays in February and August, and may continue in session six weeks; in the county of Tarrant on the sixth Monday after the first Monday in February, on the third Monday in May, on sixth Monday after the first Monday in August, and on third Monday in November, and may continue in session until business is disposed of."

Adopted, and the bill passed to third reading.

On motion of Senator Shannon,

The constitutional rule was suspended and the bill was placed on its final passage by the following vote:

YEAS—22.

Bell,	Harrison,	Perry,
Calhoun,	Houston of Bexar,	Pfeuffer,
Davis,	Houston of Wheeler,	Pope,
Evans,	Jerdone,	Shannon,
Fowler,	Kilgore,	Terrell,
Garrison,	Kleberg,	Traylor,
Getzendaner,	Knittel,	Woods.
Glasscock,		

NAYS—none.

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Hall, Stinson.

The bill was read third time and passed.

On motion of Senator Houston of Bexar,

The special orders were postponed for the purpose of taking up and disposing of bills on third reading.

Senate substitute for House bill No. 249, "An act to authorize the county commissioners' court to set aside from year to year not exceeding one-half of the road and bridge tax to purchase and establish free bridges; also to validate bonds heretofore issued for bridge purposes," was laid before the Senate as the pending bill on adjournment yesterday.

The amendment of Senator Getzendaner was lost by the following vote:

YEAS—12.

Davis,	Getzendaner,	Knittel,
Evans,	Glasscock,	Perry,
Fowler,	Harrison,	Terrell,
Garrison,	Jerdone,	Traylor.

NAYS—10.

Bell,	Kilgore,	Pope,
Calhoun,	Kleberg,	Shannon,
Houston of Bexar,	Pfeuffer,	Woods.
Houston of Wheeler,		

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Hall, Stinson.

The bill was passed by the following vote:

YEAS—18.

Bell,	Fowler,	Harrison,
Calhoun,	Getzendaner,	Houston of Bexar,
Evans,	Glasscock,	Houston of Wheeler,

Jerdone,
Kilgore,
Kleberg,

Knittel,
Perry,
Pfeuffer,

Pope,
Terrell,
Woods.

NAYS—4.

Davis,
Garrison,

Shannon,

Traylor.

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Hall,

Stinson.

House bill No. 105, "An act to create the county of Val Verde, and to provide for its organization," was laid before the Senate and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—18.

Bell,
Calhoun,
Evans,
Fowler,
Getzendaner,
Glasscock

Harrison,	Perry,
Houston of Bexar,	Pfeuffer,
Houston of Wheeler,	Shannon,
Jerdone,	Terrell,
Kleberg,	Traylor,
Knittel,	Woods.

NAYS—3.

Davis,

Garrison,

Kilgore.

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Hall,

Stinson.

Paired: Senators Camp and Pope. The former would have voted nay, the latter yea.

Senate bill No. 251, "An act to amend article 182 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas," was taken up in its regular order, read the third time and passed.

Substitute Senate bill No. 163, "An act to provide for the appointment of official stenographers for the district courts of the State of Texas," was laid before the Senate, read the third time and passed.

Senate bill No. 8, "An act to amend chapter 2, article 566 of the Revised Civil Statutes," was laid before the Senate with House amendments.

Senator Houston of Bexar moved that the Senate do not concur in the first House amendment.

Adopted.

Senator Woods moved that the Senate do concur in the second House amendment.

Lost.

Senator Bell moved that the Senate do concur in the third House amendment.

Lost.

On motion of Senator Fowler,

One hundred copies of House bill No. 437, "An act to protect mechanics, operatives, bookkeepers, clerks and laborers who perform labor in any mill, factory, shop, store, office or farm against the failure of owners, sub-owners, contractors or agents to pay their wages, and to provide a lien for such wages," were ordered printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion of Senator Houston of Wheeler.

The vote by which House bill No. 105, the Val Verde county bill was passed, was reconsidered.

The bill was passed by the following vote:

YEAS—22.

Bell,
Calhoun,
Davis,
Evans,
Fowler,
Garrison,
Getzendaner,
Glasscock,

Harrison,	Perry,
Houston of Bexar,	Pfeuffer,
Houston of Wheeler,	Pope,
Jerdone,	Shannon,
Kilgore,	Terrell,
Kleberg,	Traylor,
Knittel,	Woods.

NAYS—none.

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Hall,

Stinson.

We vote "yea," since it is evident that a majority of the Senate desire the passage of the bill, and for the purpose of allowing the measure to become a law at once.

GARRISON,
KILGORE.
DAVIS.

Substitute Huse bill Nos. 8, 34 and 70, "An act to provide for the leasing and sale of the lands heretofore or hereafter to be surveyed and set apart for the benefit of the common schools, University, the Lunatic, Blind, Deaf and Dumb and Orphan Asylum funds." was laid before the Senate as the first special order, and

Read second time, with committee amendments. (Senator Terrell in the chair.)

Senator Houston of Wheeler moved that the committee amendments be considered separately.

Adopted.

Senator Shannon offered the following substitute for the first committee amendment:

After the word "leased," in line 26, insert the words "to the original lessee or lessees, or their assignee or assignees."

Senator Houston of Bexar moved a call of the Senate on the business of the morning session.

Call sustained.

Senators Hall, Pope and Stinson were found to be absent without excuse.

The Sergeant-at-Arms was dispatched to bring in the absent Senators.

Senator Traylor moved that the call be suspended.

The Senate refused to suspend the call.

Senator Glasscock moved that Senator Hall be excused for the day, on account of sickness.

Adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—21.

Bell,	Glasscock,	Knittel,
Calhoun,	Harrison,	Perry,
Davis,	Houston of Bexar,	Pfeuffer,
Evans,	Houston of Wheeler,	Shannon,
Fowler,	Jerdone,	Terrell,
Garrison,	Kilgore,	Traylor,
Getzendaner,	Kleberg,	Woods.

NAYS—none.

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.,

Pope.

Stinson.

On motion of Senator Bell,

Senator Stinson was excused for the day, on account of sickness, by the following vote:

YEAS—20.

Bell,	Harrison,	Perry,
Calhoun,	Houston of Bexar,	Pfeuffer,
Davis,	Houston of Wheeler,	Shannon,
Fowler,	Jerdone,	Terrell,
Garrison,	Kilgore,	Traylor,
Getzendaner,	Kleberg,	Woods.
Glasscock,	Knittel,	

NAYS—1.

Evans.

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Pope.

On motion of Senator Traylor,

Senator Pope was excused for one hour, by the following vote:

YEAS—21.

Bell,	Glasscock,	Knittel,
Calhoun,	Harrison,	Perry,
Davis,	Houston of Bexar,	Pfeuffer,
Evans,	Houston of Wheeler,	Shannon,
Fowler,	Jerdone,	Terrell,
Garrison,	Kilgore,	Traylor,
Getzendaner,	Kleberg,	Woods.

NAYS—none.

The substitute of Senator Shannon was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—12.

Evans,	Harrison,	Perry,
Fowler,	Houston of Bexar,	Pfeuffer,
Getzendaner,	Kleberg,	Shannon,
Glasscock,	Knittel,	Terrell.

NAYS—10.

Bell,	Houston of Wheeler,	Pope,
Calhoun,	Jerdone,	Traylor,
Davis,	Kilgore,	Woods.
Garrison,		

During the vote Senator Pope was announced.

Senator Houston of Wheeler offered the following amendment to the substitute, as adopted:

Provided that all persons, firms or corporations who lease lands at the rate of 8 and 20 cents, subsequent to having offered less for the same and made tender thereof, having had the same rejected, shall be entitled to avail themselves of the reduction provided for in this act.

Lost.

The substitute was adopted as a part of the bill.

The second committee amendment was adopted.

Senator Shannon offered the following substitute for the third committee amendment:

Add to end of section 5: "Until the expiration of the term for which said lease was made."

Adopted.

Senator Houston of Wheeler offered the following amendment to the substitute:

Provided, that this shall not apply to those who have offered four or more cents per acre per annum for the leased land, and have tendered the amount of such rental, and had had the same rejected.

Lost.

The third committee amendment, as substitute was adopted.

Senator Shannon called for a division of the fourth committee amendment.

The first part of the fourth committee amendment was adopted.

The second part of the fourth committee amendment was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—17.

Bell,	Harrison,	Perry,
Davis,	Houston of Bexar,	Pfeuffer,
Evans,	Jerdone,	Shannon,
Fowler,	Kilgore,	Traylor,
Garrison,	Kleberg,	Woods.
Getzendaner,	Knittel,	

NAYS—5.

Calhoun,	Houston of Wheeler,	Terrell.
Glasscock,	Pope,	

The following message was received from the House:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
AUSTIN, March 20, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

I am instructed by the House to inform your honorable body of the passage of the following bills, to wit:

Substitute House bill No. 72, "An act to amend article 4367 of the Revised Statutes."

House bill No. 96, "An act to amend an act entitled 'an act to amend article 4411 of the Revised Civil Statutes,' approved March 5, 1883."

House bill No. 164, "An act to amend article 4245, title 84, chapter 10 of the Revised Statutes of Texas."

Substitute House bills Nos. 171 and 208, "An act to amend article 425 of the Penal Code of the State of Texas."

A. D. SADLER,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Substitute House bill No. 72, and House bill No. 96 and House bill No. 114 were referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

Substitute House bills Nos. 171 and 208 was referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

On motion of Senator Calhoun,

The Senate adjourned till 3 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor Gibbs in the chair.

Roll called.

No quorum present.

Senator Getzendaner moved a call of the Senate in the evening session.

Call sustained.

Senators Houston of Wheeler, Jerdone, Kilgore and Pope were found to be absent without excuse.

The Sergeant-at-Arms was dispatched to bring in the absent Senators.

Senator Jerdone was announced.

Senator Kilgore was announced.

Senator Pope was announced.

Senator Houston of Wheeler was announced, and The Senate was declared full.

The Senate resumed consideration of the land bill, ending on adjournment.

The fifth committee amendment was adopted.

The sixth committee amendment was adopted.

The seventh committee amendment was adopted.

The eighth committee amendment was adopted.

The ninth committee amendment was adopted.

The tenth committee amendment was adopted.

Senator Houston of Wheeler called for a division of the eleventh committee amendment.

Senator Traylor offered the following substitute for the first part of the eleventh amendment:

Strike out "not exceeding three" and insert "not exceeding five."

Adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—15.

Calhoun,	Glasscock,	Kleberg,
Davis,	Houston of Bexar,	Knittel,
Evans,	Houston of Wheeler,	Pfeuffer,
Fowler,	Jerdone,	Terrell,
Harrison,	Kilgore,	Traylor.

NAYS—7.

Bell,	Perry,	Stinson,
Getzendaner,	Shannon,	Woods
Harrison,		

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Pope.

The substitute was adopted as a part of the bill. The second part of the eleventh amendment was adopted.

Senator Shannon offered the following substitute for the twelfth committee amendment:

Strike out the words "in the district court in Travis county," and strike out all after the word "rents," in line 12, to the end of line 16.

Lost by the following vote:

YEAS—9.

Bell,	Garrison,	Kilgore,
Evans,	Getzendaner,	Shannon,
Fowler,	Harrison,	Terrell.

NAYS—13.

Calhoun,	Jerdone,	Pfeuffer,
Davis,	Kleberg,	Stinson,
Glasscock,	Knittel,	Traylor,
Houston of Bexar,	Perry,	Woods
Houston of Wheeler,		

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Pope.

The committee amendment was lost by the following vote:

YEAS—5.

Calhoun,	Garrison,	Houston of Wheeler.
Evans,	Houston of Bexar,	

NAYS—16

Bell,	Kilgore,	Shannon,
Davis,	Kleberg,	Stinson,
Fowler,	Peacock,	Terrell,
Getzendaner,	Perry,	Traylor,
Glasscock,	Pfeuffer,	Woods.
Jerdone,		

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Pope.

Senator Davis moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was lost.

The President gave notice of signing House bill No. 174, "An act for the relief of Virginia E. Littlepage, and to authorize the county court of Travis county to issue to her letters of administration on the estate of her father, Caleb V. Littlepage."

The motion to reconsider was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—15.

Bell,	Garrison,	Kilgore,
Calhoun,	Getzendaner,	Peacock,
Davis,	Harrison,	Shannon,
Evans,	Houston of Bexar,	Terrell,
Fowler,	Houston of Wheeler,	Traylor.

NAYS—8.

Glasscock,	Knittel,	Stinson,
Jerdone,	Perry,	Woods.
Kleberg,	Pfeuffer,	

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Pope.

Senator Houston of Bexar moved to reconsider the vote defeating Senator Shannon's substitute.

Adopted.

The substitute was withdrawn.

Senator Houston of Bexar offered the following:

Strike out of engrossed rider, in line 1, "in the district court of Travis county," and also all after the word "act," in line 9, down to and including line 16.

Adopted by the following vote:

YEAS—14.

Bell,	Garrison,	Shannon,
Calhoun,	Getzendaner,	Stinson,
Davis,	Harrison,	Terrell,
Evans,	Houston of Bexar,	Traylor.
Fowler,	Houston of Wheeler,	

NAYS—8.

Jerdone,	Knittel,	Pfeuffer,
Kilgore,	Peacock,	Woods.
Kleberg,	Perry,	

ABSENT, NOT VOTING.

Glasscock,	Pope.
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The amendment as amended was adopted.

Senator Houston of Wheeler offered the following amendment to the thirteenth committee amendment:

Amend by adding after the word "pine" the word "cedar."

Adopted.

Senator Shannon moved to reconsider the vote adopting the amendment.

Withdrawn.

Senator Davis moved to amend by striking out cypress, pine and cedar.

Adopted.

Senator Terrell moved to amend by adding after the word "shingles" the words "cross-ties or telegraph or telephone poles."

Adopted.

Senator Woods offered the following amendment:

Add to section —, (which section provides for sale of pine or cypress timber) the following: "Provided, no timber shall be cut, destroyed or removed from said land until the full amount of purchase money has been paid into the State treasury."

Adopted.

The committee amendment, as amended, was adopted.

Senator Terrell offered the following amendment to the fourteenth committee amendment:

Amend by adding "and insert the word 'thereby' in its stead."

Lost.

The fourteenth committee amendment was adopted.

Senator Glasscock moved to amend the fifteenth committee amendment by inserting the words "not less than" before the words "two dollars," in third line.

Lost.

The fifteenth committee amendment was adopted.

Senator Houston of Bexar, offered the following amendment:

Amend by adding to section 12:

"Provided, that any one person may be permitted to purchase as much as seven sections of dry and one of watered land, which are suitable for grazing purposes only."

Senator Glasscock offered the following amendment:

Amend, by adding to section 26, the following:

"The Commissioner of the General Land Office is further authorized to appoint one person to act as State rent agent, whose duty it shall be to go in person, under the direction of said Commissioner, and examine all the lands belonging to the State that are being used by any person, firm or corporation without paying rent thereon, and should said agent find any such lands being used without being rented, he shall demand rent from such person, firm or corporation, to be paid into the State treasury under the provisions of this act."

The Commissioner of the General Land Office shall furnish said State rent agent with a map of each county containing any of the State lands, with an estimate of the number of acres belonging to the State in each county subject to rent under this act, and if said agent, after examining any of the lands, finds that they are being used without being rented under the provisions of this act, may employ a surveyor to aid him in making measurement of such lands, and said surveyor shall not receive more than four dollars per day for time actually employed, and his fees shall be paid by the person, firm or corporation leasing said lands.

In each and every case, said State rent agent shall make a full report of every person, firm or corporation raising cash or other stock in any of the unorganized counties in this State to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, giving the name and the place where located, the number of acres of land being used and the number of head of stock being grazed on said land, as near as he can ascertain, and the estimated value thereof; and said agent shall make a duplicate of said report and file the same in the office of the assessor in the organized county to which such unorganized county is attached for such purposes, for the purpose of enabling said assessor to make an assessment of the value of the property belonging to any such person, firm or corporation; and said agent shall have authority to examine witnesses to ascertain the facts necessary to be contained in his report.

The annual salary of said State rent agent shall be \$1200 and commission of twenty-five cents for each section of land rented and said commission shall be collected from the person, firm or corporation leasing said land, by the Commissioner of the General Land Office for the use of said State rent agent, which shall be paid to him; but his salary shall not exceed \$3600 per annum, and any commissions that may be collected in excess of this amount shall be paid into the State treasury in the same manner as other Land Office fees.

If it should be necessary for the protection of said agent while traveling in the discharge of his duties, the Adjutant General of the State shall furnish him with sufficient number of State troops for his protection.

Said State rent agent shall pay all his traveling and other expenses, and shall be required to give a bond of five thousand dollars for the faithful performance of his duties under this act.

Also amend the caption to conform to this amendment.

On motion of Senator Houston of Wheeler,

The Senate adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FIFTY-EIGHTH DAY.

SENATE CHAMBER,
AUSTIN, TEXAS, March 21, 1885.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant-Governor Gibbs in the chair.

Roll called.

Quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Dr. Smoot.

On motion of Senator Kleberg,

The reading of the journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By Senator Traylor:

COMMITTEE ROOM.
AUSTIN, March 21, 1885.

Hon. Barnett Gibbs, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred House bill No. 373, entitled "An act to authorize the collector of a newly organized county to collect the unpaid taxes found to be due in his county by the assessor's rolls of the county or counties from which such county has been taken or to which it has been attached for judicial purposes, and to provide for making transcripts from such rolls for the use of the collector in the new